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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, PORG, PINR, IZ
SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF NEW IRAQI AMBASSADOR TO THE UN

REF: (A) BAGHDAD 1046, (B) BAGHDAD 0862 (NOTAL)

1. BY DECREE ISSUED AUGUST 10 IRAQ HAS NAMED AS ITS NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE UN MOHAMMAD SAID AL-SAHHAF, WHO HAS SERVED FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS AS IRAQI AMBASSADOR TO INDIA. WORDING OF THE DECREE IS SOMEWHAT CURIOUS, SINCE IT IMPLIES THAT SAHHAF, WHO IS A RELATIVELY JUNIOR AMBASSADOR, MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE IRAQ'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK BUT WILL CARRY AMBASSADORIAL RANK AND WILL BE IN CHARGE OF IRAQI MISSION TO THE UN AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING.

2. SAHHAF IS A FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER, BAATH PARTY MEMBER AND DEVOTED FAMILY MAN. HE IS REPORTED TO BE ATTENTIVE TO DETAIL BUT RATHER UNIMAGINATIVE. PRIOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT TO NEW DELHI HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RADIO AND TELEVISION IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. ALTHOUGH HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND HAS MEDIA EXPERIENCE WHICH SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN HIS ROLE OF SENIOR IRAQI DIPLOMAT PRESENT IN THE U.S., WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE
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MAY NOT HAVE IDEAL PERSONALITY TO PROJECT IRAQ'S VIEWS TO EITHER THE U.S. PUBLIC OR TO OTHER DIPLOMATS STATIONED IN NEW YORK. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY NEW DELHI.
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